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SUBJ: TURKISH MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN

1. ON THE EVE OF THE MARCH 21 - 28 TURKISH MILITARY
EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN, THE GOG APPEARS TO BE DELIBERATELY
DOWNPLAYING ITS MILITARY CONTINGENCY POSTURE. ALL
NEWSPAPERS TODAY (MARCH 19) CARRY ALMOST IDENTICAL
REPORTS, VARIOUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKEWMAN, OR
UNATTRIBUTED, STATED THAT THE GREEK ARMED FORCES WILL
NOT BE PLACED ON ANY SPECIAL ALERT OR STATE OF READINESS
DURING THE PERIOD OF THE TURKISH EXERCISES SINCE
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THEY HAVE CONTINUOUSLY BEEN AT A HIGH LEVEL OF
PREPAREDNESS. THEREFORE, THE REPORTS ADD, NO ADDITIONAL
SPECIAL MEASURES ARE NECESSARY.

2. ALSO OF INTEREST IN TODAY'S PRESS ARE REPORTS ON
A SPEECH GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, LEADER
OF THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK).

PAPANDREOU ATTACKED THE US AND NATO, AS USUAL, FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING TURKEY, BUT HE ALSO BLASTED THE SOVIET UNION FOR PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND REASSURING CAGLAYANGIL, DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW EARLIER THIS WEEK, THAT THE SOVIET-TURKISH BORDERS ARE BORDERS OF PEACE. THIS, APANDREOU CLAIMED, GIVES THE GREEN LIGHT TO TURKEY TO MOVE ITS TROOPS FROM THE EASTERN AREAS OF TURKEY TO REINFORCE THE ARMY OF THE AEGEAN. AT THE SAME TIME, HE CHARGED, THE SOVIET ATTITUDE ENCOURAGES TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE TOWARD GREECE. MILLS

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